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SUBJECT: ARREST OF GASTON PASCAL LYON, HUSBAND OF LAURA ALLENDE

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1. IN LETTER TO EDITOR OF "EL MERCURIO" WHICH APPEARED DEC 12, LAWYER FOR GASTON PASCAL LYON EXPLAINED THAT PASCAL HAD PRESENTED HIMSELF TO AUTHORITIES PROMPTLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF WANTED LIST STEP 11, 1973 (SEE REFTEL), AND HAD BEEN FREED SAME DAY. SINCE THEN, ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY, HE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING HIS BUSINESS NORMALLY. ON DEC 9 HE WAS AT LOS CERRILLOS AIRPORT BOARDING PLANE WITH JAPANESE VISITOR TO FLY SOUTH TO PUERTO MONTT ON BUSINESS (A DOMESTIC FLIGHT) WHEN DETAINED. ATTORNEY HAS FILED WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (AMPARO) FOR PASCAL.

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING ATTORNEY IS CORRECT, AND DETAILED LETTER SOUNDS CIRCUMSTANTIALLY CONVINCING, ARREST MAY HAVE BEEN SIMPLE MISTAKE OF AIRPORT POLICE WHO FOUND NAME ON UNCORRECTED LIST. ON OTHER HAND, GOC HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET RELEASED PASCAL AS OF FOUR DAYS LATER, AND MAY BE HOLDING HIM IN CONNECTION WITH DETENTION OF LAURA ALLENDE AND HUNT FOR SON ANDRES OF TERRORIST MIR ORGANIZATION.
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